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SUMMARY: MEXICAN CUSTOMS WOULD LIKE SEND TWO OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING, AND REQUEST USG PROVIDE SOME TRAINING AIDS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REPLY TO REFTTEL CUSTOMS ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY HAS CONTACTED LIC. JOSE BARRAGAN GOMEZ, DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOL WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR MEXICAN CUSTOMS AFTER FEBRUARY 9, 1976.

2. LIC. BARRAGAN WOULD LIKE TO SEND TWO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH US CUSTOMS TEACHING METHODS, AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS AND COURSE MATERIALS, INCLUDING NARCOTICS CONTROL.

3. THE TWO OFFICIALS SELECTED BY BARRAGAN ARE LIC. MANUEL OVILLA MANDUJANO, GENERAL SECRETARY AND LIC. JOSE LUIS ZALDIVAR MONTES DE OCA, ASSIST. GENERAL SECRETARY. THEY WOULD VISIT US CUSTOMS DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 THRU 28, 1976.

4. LIC. BARRAGAN ADVISES THAT HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING NEW TEACHING MATERIAL PERTAINING TO NARCOTICS CONTROL AS MEXICAN CUSTOMS IS PRESENTLY GIVING A COURSE ON NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION

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TO THEIR PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO. IN MID-

FEBRUARY THEY WILL INITIATE INTENSIFIED TRAINING ON SEARCH TECHNIQUES AND NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF MEXICO.

5. IN ADDITION, LIC. BARRAGAN ADVISES THAT MEXICAN CUSTOMS NOW HAS A NEW LANGUAGE CENTER TO TEACH ENGLISH TO CUSTOMS PERSONNEL. HE REQUESTS US CUSTOMS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT (TO BE USED IN BOTH NARCOTICS AND ENGLISH TRAINING PROGRAMS): 25 ROLLEI DE CARROUSEL REMOTE CONTROL PROJECTORS; 25 "SONY" TC962 CASSETTE TAPE RECORDERS; 25 DRAER MF D-B SCREENS; 2 "PHILLIPS" CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SETS.

6. WE ASSUME THAT CCINC FUNDING WOULD BE USED FOR THESE PURCHASES.

7. LICS. ZALDIVAR AND OVILLA WILL DISCUSS EXACT CONTENT AND PRACTICALITY OF PROPOSED US CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING DURING THEIR VISIT WITH CUSTOMS INTERNATIONAL OPERATION DIVISION IN WASH, DC.

8. ALTHOUGH CCINC MAY WANT NOW TO CONSIDER, IN PRINCIPLE, QUESTION OF PROVIDING TEACHING AIDS TO MEXICAN CUSTOMS, WE SUGGEST ANY DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF EQUIPMENT POSSIBLY TO BE PROVIDED BE POSTPONED UNTIL WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS WITH OVILLA AND ZALDIVAR.  
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